

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 37-74, 120-145, 148, 150-153, 156, 158-162, 164-165, 167, 169, 179, 181, 184, 186, 193-194, and 198-246 are in the case. In this regard, it is noted that an error exists in the Official Action in the listing of claims in the case at the time of issuance of the action. Thus, in the "Disposition of Claims" in the outstanding action, the claims pending in the application should have read, at the beginning of the listing: "37-97....." and not "37-39....." Correction of the record in this regard is respectfully requested.

I. ABSTRACT

An Abstract is presented on a separate sheet attached to this response. The Abstract is based on claim 37 and does not introduce new subject matter.

II. SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to include customary headings including a brief description of the drawings. No new matter is entered.

III. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The claims have been objected to for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Action. In response, the claims have been amended to deal with the outstanding formal matters. Withdrawal of these objections is now respectfully requested.

IV. CLAIM AMENDMENTS AND NEW CLAIMS

Claim 37 and other claims have been amended to specify that the active coating layer is divided into portions. Basis for these amendments appears, for example, in previous claim 162 and at page 15, line 24. No new matter is entered.

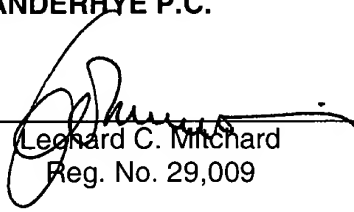
New claims 200-326 are presented. These claims are based on existing claims but with different dependencies. No new matter is entered.

Allowance of the application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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